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Annual Meeting of Saltwater Tournament Committee Set

The annual meeting of the Tournament Committee of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament will be held Wednesday, November 18th at 2600 Washington Avenue, Newport News, 7 PM, in the Virginia Marine Resources Commission Library, located on the fourth floor of the building. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7 PM.

The meeting will begin with a public comment period, providing anglers an opportunity to address the Committee with their suggestions and concerns relating to the operation and policies of the program. Following the public comment period, the Committee will proceed with its formal meeting. Major agenda items include: review of the 2009 Citation data; State Record status report for Blueline tilefish and Atlantic spadefish. Two discussion items are on the agenda. The first is in regards to handicapped anglers and their participation in the Citation and State Record programs. The second is an opportunity for the Tournament Committee to provide input and advice to the Finfish Committee and the VMRC regarding potential special management measures for the winter speckled trout fishery in the Elizabeth River. A copy of the meeting agenda follows this announcement.

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**VIRGINIA SALTWATER FISHING TOURNAMENT
AGENDA FOR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
2600 Washington Avenue; Fourth Floor, Commission Library
Newport News, VA
November 18, 2009
7:00 pm**

- I. Introductions/Announcements
- II. Approval of minutes from the 2008 annual meeting
- III. Public Comment Period
- IV. Review 2009 Program
- V. State Record Program
- VI. Citation/State Record Appeals
- VII. Discussion:
 - a) Should handicapped anglers be given special exceptions in the Citation or State Record programs?
 - b) The Elizabeth River winter speckled trout fishery: Are special management measures appropriate?
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Adjournment